

**REMARKS**

Claims 10, 11 and 13-16 remain pending in this application. Claims 9, 12, 17 and 22-24 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite prosecution. Claims 18-21 and 25-31 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

Applicants have amended claim 13 herein in order to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter has been added.

With Applicants' payment of the Issue Fee and Publication Fee filed concurrently herewith, it is believed that all formalities have now been attended to in the present application and that the application is now in condition for grant.

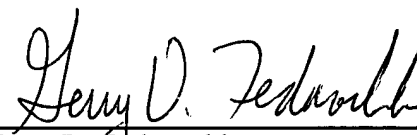
It is believed that no fee is required for entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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